A Relation
Of the Raining *of* Aſhes, *in the* Archipelago, *upon the Eruption of Mount* Veſuvius, *ſome years ago.*

This came but lately to hand from that knowing perſon, Mr. *Henry Robinſon*; and was thought fit to be now inſerted here, that it might not be loſt, though it hath hapned above 30 years ago. It was contained in a Letter, (ſubſcribed by Capt. *Will. Badily*) in theſe words:

THe 6th. of *December* 1631, being in the Gulf of *Volo*, riding at Anchor, about ten of the Clock that Night, it began to rain Sand or Aſhes, and continued till two of the Clock the next Morning. It was about two inches thick on the Deck, ſo that we caſt it over board with Shovels, as we did Snow the day before: The quantity of a Buſhel we brought home, and preſented to ſeveral Friends *, eſpecially to the Maſters of *Trinity Houſe*. There was in our Company, Capt. *John Wilds* Commander of the *Dragon*, and Capt. *Anthony Watts*, Commander of the *Eliſabeth* and *Dorcas*. There was no Wind ſtirring, when theſe Aſhes fell, it did not fall onely in the places, where we were, but likewiſe in other parts, as Ships were coming from St. *John D' Acre* to our Port; they being at that time a hundred Leagues from us. We compared the Aſhes together, and found them both one. If you deſire to ſee the Aſhes, let me know.

* Some of theſe Aſhes were produced by Mr. *John Evelyn*, before the *Royal Society*.

An Extract
Of a Letter not long ſince written from Rome, *rectifying the Relation of* Salamanders *living in Fire.*

This came from that Expert Anatomiſt M. *Steno*, to Dr. *Croon*; *Videl.* That a Knight called *Corvini*, had aſſured him, that, having caſt a *Salamander*, brought him out of the *Indies*, into the Fire, the Animal thereupon ſwell'd preſently, and then vomited ſtore of thick ſlimy matter, which did put out the neighbouring Coals, to which the *Salamander* retired immediately, putting them out again in the ſame manner, as ſoon as they re-

kindled, and by this means ſaving himſelf from the force of the Fire, for the ſpace of two hours; the Gentleman above-mentioned being then unwilling to hazard the Creature any further: That afterwards it lived nine Months: That he had kept it eleven Months without any other food, but what it took by licking the Earth, on which it moved, and on which it had been brought out of the *Indies*; which at firſt was covered with a thick moiſture, but being dried afterwards, the Urin of the Animal ſerved to moiſten the ſame. After the eleven Months, the Owner having a mind to try, how the Animal would do upon *Italian* Earth, it died three dayes after it had changed the Earth.

An Account
Of ſeveral Engagements for Obſerving of Tydes.

Since nothing is more important for diſcovering the Cauſe of that Grand *Phænomenon* of Nature, the *Flux* and *Reflux of the Sea*, than a true and full *Hiſtory of the Tydes*, the *Virtuoſi* of *England* have of late (eſpecially ſince the Publication of Dr. *Wallis* his *Theory* touching that *Apparence*) taken care, to direct and recommend in ſeveral parts of the World, and particularly in the moſt proper places of theſe *Ilands*, ſuch Obſervations, as may contribute to the elucidating of that Subject.

And as formerly they have ſent their *Inquiries* of this Nature to the Iſle of St. *Helena*, ſituated in the open Ocean beyond the *Æquinoctial*, and already received ſome account thereupon; ſo they have ſince diſpatcht the like for the *Bermudas*, an *Iſle* that hath no leſs conveniency of ſituation for that purpoſe. And they intend (as will more amply appear, God permitting, in a ſhort time) to lodge with ſuch Maſters of Ships and Pilots, as ſhall ſayl into remote parts, very particular directions of that kind, to be printed at the *Royal Societies* charges, and to be committed to the care of the Maſters of *Trinity Houſe* for diſpoſing of them to that end.

And, as for the Obſervations, to be made in theſe Kingdoms; 'tis hoped, that the Maſters in the Art of Navigation at *Briſtol* (Mr. *Standridge* and Mr. *Iff*) will undertake that buſineſs with affection and care: the former of theſe two having already (as we are informed from a good hand) made a Collection of the Tydes,

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